1 2	3	4	5	6	7	8
21 Punjab	13	11	13	-	30	67
22 Rajasthan		-	-	-	3	3
23 Sikkim	-	-	-	-	-	-
24 Tamil Nadu	45	-	1	1	-	47
25 Tripura	-	-	-	-	-	-
26 Uttaranchal	-	-	2	1	-	3
27 Uttar Pradesh	17	-	-	1	-	18
28 West Bengal	10	-	-	-	-	10
29 A & N Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-
30 Chandigarh	-	-	-	-	-	-
31 D & N Haveli	-	-	-	-	-	-
32 Daman & Diu	-	-	-	-	-	-
33 Delhi	69	-	-	6	-	75
34 Lakshadweep	-	-	-		-	-
35 Pondicherry	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL:	226	26	37	27	41	357

Subsidy to Iodised salt

†3431. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 16 crore people are suffering from the deficiency of iodine including 6 crore children in the country;

(b) the steps Government propose to take to overcome the deficiency of iodine; and

(e) whether the iodised salt would be made affordable by providing subsidy?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) As per Iodine Deficiency Disorders (IDD) surveys conducted by Directorate General of Health Services, State Health Directorates, Indian Council of Medical Research and other health institutions, no state in the country is free from the problem of iodine deficiency disorders. It is estimated that about 7.1 crore people are suffering from iodine deficiency disorders.

(b) In order to prevent and control the problem of Iodine Deficiency Disorders, the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare is implementing the National Iodine Deficiency Disorders Control Programme (NIDDCP) for-merly known as National Goitre Control Programme as 100% centrally assisted scheme in the entire country, lodated salt in place of common edible salt is being supplied to all the states/UTs. The Ministry of Health & FW is also providing financial assistance to all the States/UTs for establishment of an IDD Control Cell and an IDD Monitoring Laboratory for the effective implementation of National IDD Control Programme. Information, Education and Communication activities have also been intensified in all the State and UTs through the Prasar Bharti, All India Radio, Directorate of Field Publicity and Directorate of Advertisement & Visual Publicity, besides allocation of funds to the State Governments for Health Education at the State Level.

(c) At present Government of India is not providing any subsidy on Iodised salt. However, some of the State Governments like Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tripura, Orissa etc. have included iodated salt under the Public Distribution System on a limited basis.

Improving treatment and research

†3432, PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:
SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are going to formulate a scheme for improving treatment and research in the country;

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